

# Caring Professions

## Access to HE Diploma Health Science Professions

**Campus:** Dearne Valley College

**Code:** D08HE02

**Level:** 3

### About This Course

This qualification prepares adults, without traditional qualifications, with the knowledge, skills and behaviours for higher-level study at university.

It is a fast-track pathway condensed into 1 year of study providing you with a holistic overview of the key subjects within health and science.

It is ideal for you if you are interested in the science behind health and want to make a positive difference to people and their local communities and will enable you to study a wide variety of academic and professional undergraduate degree programmes.

Due to the fast-track nature, it is intense and we expect that you will also work independently, in your free time, to research, revise and complete assignments.

### What Will I Study?

You will study;

- anatomy and physiology in health and illness
- psychology and mental health

- health and social policy
- professional practice and study skills

This course is typically taught over 2 teaching days per week.

### Why Study Here?

- Dearne Valley College is the hub for higher skills in health and social care, we have a **health suite** that consists of a simulated ward, in which students are able to have hands-on practice of their newly developed skills, as well as a lab and clean and modern classrooms for theory studies. These facilities will enable you to aim high with your education and get practical experience in a learning environment.
- Our campus is small, friendly and includes free car parking.
- Private childcare provider on-site.
- You will gain access to our Access to Higher Education Alumni Events.
- Careers guidance and skills workshops delivered by specialist tutors, guest speakers and employers with real life experiences in the industry.
- A caring and compassionate learning environment.
- Support in applying for university courses (via UCAS).
- Visits to major universities.

### Entry Requirements

Prior to starting the programme, applicants need to evidence the following academic entry criteria:

- GCSE English at Grade C (4) and above (or equivalent),
- GCSE Maths at Grade C (4) and above (or equivalent).
- Recognised equivalents include Functional Skills Level 2 and Key Skills Level 2, IETLS or a UK ENIC Verified qualification. We may accept GCSE Maths at Grade D (3) if the universities and courses that you're wanting to apply for currently accept this grade.

Additional information:

- We may also pursue academic references from your current/previous educational provider(s).
- We advise learners to conduct their own research, initially with universities, to ensure that their qualifications are accepted by universities. We accept no liability for this.
- Due to the total of guided learning hours for this qualification, this course is only eligible for those who have finished post-compulsory education.

## How To Apply

You can apply using our online application form and clicking the **Apply Now** button at the top of this page.

For more information support with your enquiry or application please contact Student Services by emailing [learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk](mailto:learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk) [mailto:learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk] or by calling **01709 513355**.

## Tuition Fees

If it's your first-full Level 3 and you're aged 19-23, you may be entitled to fee-remission.

Alternatively, you can self-fund or opt to fund the course through the Advanced Learner Loan. If you need further advice or guidance, please contact the Enquiries Team on 01709 513355.

## Additional Information

To support you during your time at College, you can apply for bursary support (including childcare fee support), which offers a contribution towards the costs of studying. Although funding is limited and allocated on a first come first served basis, we would encourage learners to apply.

**PLEASE NOTE**

We make every effort to ensure information within our online course directory is accurate and a true representation of the courses we are offering in 2026-27. However, we do reserve the right to make changes if necessary.

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